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Judge Benjamin H. Settle 2 3 4 5 ORIGINAL 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 11 ex rel. MARSHALL S. HORWITZ, M.D., 12 No. C07-0248 BHS Plaintiff. ٧. 13 AMGEN, INC. and DAVID C. DALE, 14 **UNDER SEAL** Defendants. 15 16 17 ORDER The United States has filed an Ex Parte Motion for an Extension of time to Consider 18 19 Election to Intervene, in which the government seeks a six (6) month extension of time, from April 18, 2011, up to and including October 18, 2011, in which to notify the Court whether it 20 21 intends to intervene in this *qui tam* lawsuit. Such an extension of time is expressly 22 contemplated by the False Claims Act, which provides that the United States "may, for good cause shown move the Court for extensions of time. . . . " 13 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3). The Court 23 finds that such good cause exists here. 24 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the United States shall have from April 18, 25 2011, to October 18, 2011, to notify the Court of its decision whether or not to intervene in this 26 27 qui tam action. The Clerk shall otherwise maintain the Complaint and other filings under seal

for the duration of the government's investigation, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

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